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The Achiever

THE ARTHUR O. EVE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The College at
Brockport
Division of
Enrollment and
Student Affairs

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Up a Little Higher

I know you're going to say he always says that, but it's just true, "Time really does just fly." It's midterm and we are on the downhill side of this fall semester. That means the next 6 - 8 weeks will also just fly by and before you know it December will be upon us. I hope each of you are doing well in each of your courses and are getting all the help you need.

Reviewing mid-term grades and those Academic Performance Progress Report forms with your counselor and you having a plan on how to improve on whatever grade you have now is very important. Remember academic excellence is our goal and that means getting the best grade possible in each course. One of the other things that will happen between now and December is pre-registration or the spring 2013 semester. This should also be a subject you discuss and review with your EOP counselor as early as possible.

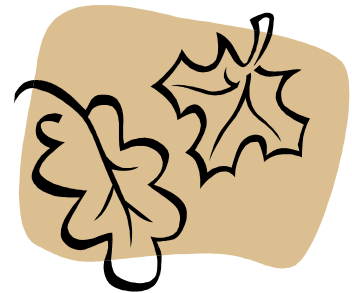
Now to those of you who anticipate graduation this December please make sure you have applied and been confirmed by the Office of Registration and Records. Also please make an appointment with me just to talk about your future, simply because I care and may be able to help.

I want to thank those of you who came to the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. It was a great turn out! I look forward to seeing even more of you at the Holiday Celebration and the November Birthday Celebration on November 14.

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to give these next few weeks your best shot at being focused on your first priority, your grades. Pay attention to the details involved in each course and make sure you're, "On Task and On Time." If we can help just ask and we will do all we can.

**REMAINING FALL 2012 CHECK
DISTRIBUTION DATES**

November 16 December 7



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Words of Wisdom:

Commitment leads to action. Action brings your dream closer.

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Financial Aid News

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER AND MONEY

You should always be aware of your financial situation as it relates to your college experience. Please pay particular attention to the following items:

- Be aware of any charges you have incurred on your student account. If you incur charges before you get a refund, they'll be deducted from the refund. If you incur charges after you receive your refund, you must pay them. Charges such as parking tickets, dorm damage, book store charges, easy money etc., will impact your financial status.
- Always monitor your meal plan usage. You don't want to be caught short at the end of the semester. Please remember that any meal plan funds left over at the end of the Fall term carry over to the Spring term. Any funds left over at the end of the Spring term are eliminated.
- Do you really **need** that new TAPOUT shirt? Your personal funds need to last. Choose wisely.
- If you get a refund check, **PLEASE VERIFY THAT THE AMOUNT IS CORRECT!** Always consult with your EOP counselor before you spend the funds. You will be held accountable for any funds to which you are not entitled.
- Make sure you understand all components of your financial aid award and your student bill. **NEVER ASSUME, ALWAYS ASK!**
- Please avoid getting/using a credit card. Misusage can have serious financial and personal consequences.

Please think long and hard about the pros/cons of getting a part time job. You need to concentrate on getting good grades. There is a major difference between financial need and financial desires. Know the difference between short term sacrifice vs. long term gain.

Don't forget that your cumulative GPA and amount of earned credits can have a direct impact on you receiving your full financial aid. You must stay aware of your status. Please consult with your counselor to help ensure your complete and detailed understanding of this important information.

Academic Services

EOP's Peer One-On-One Tutoring Program

EOP students - need a little help reviewing for a class, deepening your understanding of specific course content and/or improving your study strategies?

EOP's Peer One-On-One Tutoring Program provides individualized tutorial support to students in their specific course content areas of study to assist in further expanding their understanding of the various processes, concepts and principles of the course material; as well as offer opportunity for students to practice their learning. The peer tutors are students, who have earned a superlative grade in the specific course of study and who are recommended by the professor.

Students in their one-on-one session(s) can expect the peer tutor to support them in addressing the particular academic needs specific to their course(s) of concern (i.e. reviewing, test preparation, explanation of concepts, etc.).

To acquire this support service, see your counselor, fill out a tutoring request form and submit it in person to Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator, Copper Hall, Rm C25A.

EOP's Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program

(Starting Tuesday, September 11th)

EOP's NEW *Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program* offers students another opportunity to practice their learning. We offer guided study groups for specific classes. The groups are facilitated by peer fellows, a student who, like our peer tutors, has earned a superlative grade in the class and is recommended by the professor.

Students attending can expect the peer fellow to support them through the material they want to practice, helping them not just understand challenging content, but also realize that they have been learning better skills as they practice.

Any student enrolled in the specific class may attend the study group. You'll find that this opportunity is not just for students having trouble. Successful students use this opportunity to maintain and increase their competence.

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at djoe-shephm@brockport.edu or 585-395-5411.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:15pm – 11:15pm

(Starting Tuesday, September 11th)

Where: Drake Memorial Library (Keifer Room)

What subjects/courses:

Varies Math courses, PSH 110, PSH 202, BIO 111, pre-requisite nursing courses and writing

When:

**Wednesday
evenings**

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

**EOP Conference
Room**



Future meetings

**5:00pm to 6:00pm
EOP Conference
Room**

10/31

11/7

11/14

11/21

12/5

Are you interested in joining a group of supportive women and gaining a support system during these stressful times or looking to build positive relationships and have a place to come and discuss your frustrations? If so, please join the Women's Support group!

For more information, contact:

Latasha Craig, Senior Counselor @ 395-5437 or stop by room G11 Rakov

G.P.S. Mentoring Program is leading students in the right direction!

As of October 19, 2012, The G.P.S. Mentoring Program is happy to announce we matched 22 mentors with 28 mentees in 19 academic disciplines. Due to the amount of time remaining in the semester, there are currently 10 applications on file that we will match for the beginning of the spring semester. With limited spots available for the spring semester, PLEASE take advantage of this wonderful opportunity that can help enhance your career knowledge and your overall relationship with your academic department. Students currently enrolled in the G.P.S. Program have given great reviews about the benefits of the G.P.S. Program and the valuable relationships they have built with faculty and staff in their academic departments. Don't just believe my words, but speak with a student who is currently enrolled.

Students and Staff: Look out for an upcoming EOP page on myBrockport!!

myBrockport is an interactive site that allows you access to all student organizations and other student involvement opportunities available for students including academic honor societies, BSG clubs, fraternities and sororities, club sports, residence hall groups, student councils, and new interest groups.

Some of **myBROCKPORT**'s additional features include:

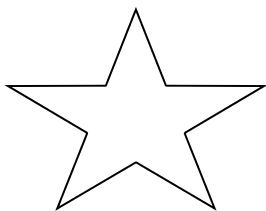
- Register! It's easy! Visit www.brockport.edu/bounce/mybrockport. Your **myBROCKPORT** log-in information is your Brockport NetID and password.
- Find events! The flyerboard on the **myBROCKPORT** homepage is interactive and has information on student events.
- Get involved! The **myBROCKPORT** system recommends student organizations and events based on the interests you identify when you register. You can browse the list of organizations and reach out to any groups for details on how to join or when their next meeting/event is.
- Print your Student Involvement Record! Create a co-curricular transcript listing all of your involvement within **myBROCKPORT**. It'll be a great addition to your resume and portfolio. It will also include the ability to record all of your community service hours, study abroad experiences, internships and more. (More information coming soon!)

For more information, visit www.brockport.edu/thespace, email thespace@brockport.edu, or stop by The Space located in Community Development (B105 Seymour College Union).

EOP Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

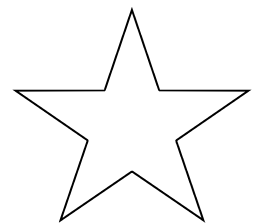
EOP, in collaboration with ALAS, celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on October 10th with cultural food, music, trivia and prizes....the event was a success with over 100 students in attendance!

The purpose of the Annual Hispanic Heritage Cultural Celebration is to embrace culture, support diversity, and engage students and staff.



Visit the EOP website for photos from the event!

<http://www.brockport.edu/eopgalleries/hispanicHeritageMonth/index.html>



Career Spotlight

Eboni Carman is a junior and an EOP student at the College at Brockport. She is a double major in both English and Communications. Eboni has been accepted into an internship in the Department of Marketing at the College at Brockport. Her responsibilities are inclusive of writing publications that will be used in the school's media outlets. Eboni will be working closely with Janet Roy, Brockport's Associate Director of Marketing, who will also serve as Eboni's mentor in the field of marketing. In addition, she will also be working with the Department of Public Relations writing press releases for the college. Eboni states, "I am excited to learn everything I possibly can about these fields. In the future I hope to pursue a career in public relations." Through her participation in this internship, Eboni is looking forward to gaining the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to employ in pursuit of her future goals.

Find Eboni's picture on page 7!

The Epsilon Rho chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) National Honor Society will host its 5th Annual Induction Ceremony on Friday, November 2, 2011 at 3pm in the New York Room of Cooper Hall. The private ceremony (INVITES ONLY) will be held at 11am in Room 220 of the Seymour Union.

Chi Alpha Epsilon at The College at Brockport was chartered in 2008 with two primary goals: to formally recognize the outstanding academic achievement of EOP students; and to motivate current and future EOP students to strive for high academic goals.

Chi Alpha Epsilon was formed to recognize the academic achievements of students admitted to colleges and the universities through non-traditional criteria. Its purposes are to promote continued high academic standards, to foster increased communication among its members, and to honor academic excellence achieved by those students.

Students are eligible for this membership if they have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher for the last two consecutive semesters. We encourage you to visit the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society website at www.xaehonor.com to learn information about this organization. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Debra Joseph-McEwan, XAE Advisor at (585) 395-5411 or djosephm@brockport.edu.



Student Spotlight



EOP FLAG FOOTBALL-THE BEST!



Career Spotlight
Student of the Month
Eboni Carman! Find
her article on page 6



**SEE IF YOU CAN
GUESS WHO THIS IS!**

EOP STUDENTS REPRESENT AT THE CSA PAGENT!

On 10/5/12 CSA held its annual pageant four out the five contestants were EOP family members. Our own Michelle Singh was crowned CSA Queens. There was a rousing performance by the HIP HOP Club. The audience was full of EOP family members cheering on their favorites. Kudos to Shelby Alvarez and the CSA for a stellar evening. Kudos as well to the family for supporting a wonderful event.



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Highlights from Homecoming 2012

The EOP family came together on Saturday, September 15th, 2012 to proudly display their pride at SUNY Brockport's annual homecoming parade. This year's theme was "Cirque du Brockport", in honor of the new SERC facility that opened earlier this year on campus. Dressed as circus side-show acts and food, EOP students and faculty marched through the streets chanting and showing their school spirit. The float took weeks to construct but paid off, as EOP won best departmental float! Congratulations to EOP and all who helped make the float and the parade possible!!!

